

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~flexible~~-tool tray, ~~said~~ apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a ~~generally rectangular~~ flexible pad forming a tool area for supporting ~~tools comprising a plurality of interconnected walls defining an outer margin of the tray and an entirely continuous surface between the walls;~~
and
 - (b) at least one pair of rigid rods ~~extending substantially the length of said pad and parallel to opposite sides of said pad for~~ connected to said pad reducing the flexibility of said pad along axes transverse the rods ~~the direction parallel to said rods while permitting flexibility of said pad along the direction perpendicular to said rods.~~
2. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1 further including at least one parts area for holding parts.
3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein said parts area includes at least one parts tray.
4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said parts tray is rectangular shaped.
5. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said parts tray includes vertical sides for retaining parts in said parts tray.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said parts tray includes a magnetic sheet for retaining parts in said parts tray.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~flexible~~-tool tray, ~~said~~-apparatus comprising:

- (a) a ~~generally rectangular~~ flexible pad ~~forming a tool area for supporting tools comprising a plurality of outer walls defining a margin of the tray and an entirely continuous surface between the walls to prevent objects from passing through the pad between the outer walls;~~
- (b) a pair of interior walls within the outer walls at least partially defining a tool area there between;
- (b)(c) ~~at least one pair of rigid rods extending substantially the length of said pad and parallel to opposite sides of said pad for proximate the outer margin of said pad-reducing the flexibility of said pad along axes transverse the rods the direction parallel to said rods while, at the same time, permitting flexibility of said pad along the direction perpendicular to said rods; and~~
- (e)(d) at least one pair of spaced apart, rigid rods adjacent opposite ends of said tool area extending substantially the length of said pad and with each of the pair proximate one of the pair of interior walls at least partially defining said tool area parallel to opposite sides of said pad for reducing flexibility of said pad along the direction parallel to said rods while, at the same time, permitting flexibility of said pad along the direction perpendicular to said rods.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the upper surface of said flexible pad includes ridges for retaining tools in said tool area.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the bottom surface of said flexible pad includes serrations for holding said tool tray onto a work surface.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said rigid rods are metal rods having a diameter between about 1/16 inch and 1/8 inch.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said flexible tool tray includes a receptacle for installing an upright frame to provide a gauge rest.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said flexible tool tray includes an interior wall at least partially defining a recess for holding a specific part in said tray.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein flexible tool tray includes a magnet for holding said tray to a metallic surface.

14. (Currently amended) A ~~flexible~~-tool tray, ~~said~~ apparatus comprising:

- (a) ~~a generally rectangular flexible pad forming a tool area for supporting tools;~~
- (b) ~~a plurality of spaced apart rigid rods extending substantially the length of said pad and parallel to opposite sides of said pad for reducing flexibility of said pad along the direction parallel to said rods while, at the same time, permitting flexibility of said pad along the direction perpendicular to said rods~~ a pair of opposed interior walls extending upwardly in the pad and defining a tool area there between;
- (c) ~~at least one pair of spaced apart rigid rods adjacent opposite ends of said tool area extending substantially the length of said pad and parallel to opposite sides of said pad for reducing flexibility of said pad along the direction parallel to said rods while, at the same time, permitting flexibility of said pad along the direction perpendicular to said rods; and a~~ pair of outer walls extending upwardly in the pad, each of the pair opposing one of the pair of opposed interior walls;
- (d) ~~at least one parts area for holding parts~~ a plurality of transverse walls extending upwardly in the pad, each of the transverse walls connected at

one end to one of the opposed interior walls and at an opposite end to one of the outer walls to form a plurality of opposing parts receptacles on the pad; and

(e) a tool area on between the opposing parts receptacles at least partially defined by the interior walls; and

(f) a pair of rigid rods within the pad rigidifying the tray against flexibility along axes transverse the interior walls.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said parts ~~tray~~ is receptacles are rectangular shaped.

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said parts ~~tray~~ receptacles includes vertical sides for retaining parts ~~in said parts tray~~.

18. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said parts ~~tray~~ includes receptacles include a magnetic sheet for retaining parts ~~in said parts tray~~.

19. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the upper surface of said flexible pad includes ridges for retaining tools in said tool area.

20. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the bottom surface of said flexible pad includes serrations for holding said tool tray onto a work surface.

21. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said rigid rods are metal rods having a diameter between about 1/16 inch and 1/8 inch.

22. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said ~~flexible~~ tool tray includes a receptacle for installing an upright frame to provide a gauge rest.

23. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said ~~flexible~~ tool tray includes an ~~interior~~ wall at least partially defining a recess for holding a specific part in said tray.

24. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein ~~flexible~~ tool tray includes a magnet for holding said tray to a metallic surface.